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Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted on 10-10-2006 under IDS, which have been placed of record in the file. The IDS has been searched and considered for teaching of allowed claimed limitations. However, after thorough search and consideration IDS failed to recite or disclosed following allowed claim limitations:

A coordinate input apparatus for designating a particular set of coordinate in three-dimensional space, comprising: a cylindrical magnet having a center axis; an annular magnet having a center axis in common with the center axis of the cylindrical magnet and having an inner circumference larger than an outer circumference of the cylindrical magnet; a plurality of magnetoelectric transducers disposed in a plane transverse to the common center axes of the cylindrical and annular magnets, wherein: the cylindrical magnet and the annular magnet are disposed so that respective, identical magnetic poles thereof are in opposing relationship, and the annular magnet is tiltable with respect to the cylindrical magnet and the plane of the magnetoelectric transducers, and the magnetoelectric transducers detect a change in a magnetic field caused by tilting of the annular magnet relatively to the cylindrical magnet and the plane of the magnetoelectric transducers, so as to input two-dimensional coordinate values according to the detected change in the magnetic field.

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